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Art Unit 1634

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Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application
Application No. 10/073,260; Filed: February 13, 2002
For: **Methods and Compositions for Isolation of Biological Macromolecules**
Inventors: Simms *et al.*
Our Ref: 0942.5170001/RWE/ALS

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

1. Fee Transmittal (Form PTO/SB/17);
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5. Associate Power of Attorney;
6. Amendment and Reply Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111; and
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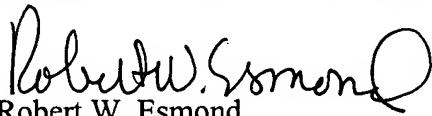
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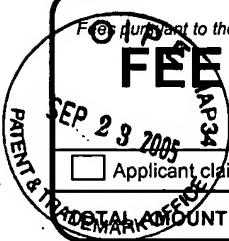
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Design	200	100	100	50	130	65	_____
Plant	200	100	300	150	160	80	_____
Reissue	300	150	500	250	600	300	_____
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